

The 2000 elections undermined the confidence of voters as the saga of counting ballots and tallying votes lingered for months. As a result, the call for election reform implemented the Help America Vote Act (HAVA), which provided funding for election administration and electronic voting machines. This act was a giant step in the right direction of assuring voter security, and voter confidence.

However, the elections of 2004 exposed once again a call for further action. An estimated 50 million voters cast their ballots on the electronic voter machines that lacked a voter-verified paper audit trail. This leaves no mechanism to verify or resolve reported voter tallies. Simply put, this is unacceptable.

Madam Speaker—H.R. 811 takes aim at resolving this very problem. It mandates an independent audit mechanism, which means that every voter will verify on a permanent paper ballot his or her vote. And in order to ensure this is carried out in the right manner, this bill provides necessary funding and oversight.

With another Presidential election on the horizon, it is vitally important that we restore the confidence of voters across this nation. Every citizen must be heard, and thus their every vote must be recorded. I urge my colleagues to support this bill and ensure that the voice of Americans is never again placed in doubt.

#### HONORING THE SERVICE AND EXAMPLE OF CAPTAIN ROBERT E. CLARK

#### HON. JOSEPH R. PITTS

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 12, 2007*

Mr. PITTS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Robert E. Clark, a decorated Captain in the United States Navy, and native of the 16th Congressional District of Pennsylvania.

At a commencement ceremony later today, Captain Clark will be inducted into West Chester East High School's Hall of Fame—a deserving honor for a devoted servant of our great Nation. While a student at East High School, Clark was a scholar athlete—maintaining excellent grades while lettering in football, basketball, and track.

After graduation, Clark went on to attend the United States Naval Academy—the first graduate of West Chester East ever to do so. Since graduating from Annapolis, Clark has honorably served his country as an officer in the Navy's submarine fleet.

He has received several personal decorations for his distinguished service, including the prestigious Legion of Merit.

I thank Captain Clark for his selfless service to our Nation, and I congratulate him on his well-earned induction into West Chester East's Hall of Fame. He has set a fine example for our next generation of young leaders to follow.

#### CELEBRATING 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CHEMICAL ABSTRACTS SERVICE (CAS)

#### HON. DEBORAH PRYCE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 12, 2007*

Ms. PRYCE of Ohio. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Chemical Abstracts Service, an American scientific institution and world's largest compendium of information on chemical substances.

Located in Columbus, Ohio, adjacent to the campus of Ohio State University, what is now called Chemical Abstracts Service, or "CAS" as it is popularly known, was founded in 1907 when a collaboration of leading chemists partnered with the American Chemical Society to begin publishing a new journal called Chemical Abstracts.

One hundred years later, Chemical Abstracts is recognized around the world as a leading source of indexed scientific literature and contains more than 27 million bibliographic records related to the chemical sciences. Its sister resource, the CAS Registry, comprises more than 32 million unique entries for chemical substances. These two massive and integrated databases, along with a wealth of related resources on chemistry and chemical reactions, form the backbone of today's Chemical Abstract Service. Scientists, information professionals, and academicians around the world access these databases daily through online services that have revolutionized the way scientists conduct research.

Speaking of the value of CAS services, 2005 Nobel Laureate in chemistry, Dr. Robert Grubbs, said, "CAS databases streamline the investigative process, allowing you to take an idea and rapidly find the important and necessary information before you forget about the idea or it loses its excitement. That really is invaluable."

This year CAS celebrates its 100th anniversary as a strong, vibrant national scientific treasure: fully electronic, web-enabled, and still growing every day. This month, CAS is being designated a National Historic Chemical Landmark and it is my honor to recognize this great scientific institution and wish CAS good luck for its next 100 years.

#### HONORING THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LETTER CARRIERS FOR THE STAMP OUT HUNGER FOOD DRIVE

#### HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 12, 2007*

Mr. HIGGINS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Buffalo and Western New York letter carriers who are part of the National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC).

This month, NALC collected more than 70 million pounds of food for local food banks, pantries, and shelters to help needy families as part of its nationwide "Stamp Out Hunger" drive. I would like to specifically recognize the Branch 3 carriers in Buffalo and Western New York for collecting more than 2 million pounds

of donations, placing them as the top NALC local branch in the drive for the fifth consecutive year.

With one in five American children living in poverty, we must all do our part to end hunger. I am proud of the efforts that these hard-working men and women have taken to better their community and I ask that all Americans join in the effort to stamp out hunger.

#### TRIBUTE TO MR. RHYS LEWIS

#### HON. THADDEUS G. McCOTTER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 12, 2007*

Mr. McCOTTER. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor and acknowledge Mr. Rhys Lewis upon his receipt of the Wayne 11th Congressional District Republican Committee's 2007 Lifetime Achievement Award.

Throughout nearly seven decades, Mr. Lewis has served our nation with distinction. As a United States Marine Corps Sergeant, he defended our liberty in the South Pacific during World War II before returning home and marrying Ruth M. Lewis in 1947. Then, in 1958, Rhys was elected a Republican precinct delegate and, ultimately, a Redford Charter Township Trustee. In addition to his loyal public service, Mr. Lewis has been Chairman of Redford Civil Affairs and of the Wayne 17th Congressional District Republicans.

Rhys is a pillar of the Michigan Republican party, who has served on the Michigan GOP State Committee for eight years and in the Redford Republican party as for a decade. As a result of his loyalty to liberty and courage of his convictions, Rhys has enriched the lives of others and established a honorable legacy of courage, leadership and service.

Madam Speaker, in recognition of his legendary contributions to the Michigan Republican party and of his lifetime of extraordinary achievements, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Mr. Rhys Lewis for his tireless service to our community and our country.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. JOSEPH CROWLEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 12, 2007*

Mr. CROWLEY. Madam Speaker, due to inclement weather, my flight to Washington, D.C. was delayed, and I regrettably missed rollcall votes 448–450. Had I been present, I would have voted in the following manner: rollcall No. 448, "yea;" rollcall No. 449, "yea;" rollcall No. 450, "yea."

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 12, 2007*

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I regret that I was unavoidably absent yesterday afternoon, June 11, on very urgent business. Had I been present for the three votes which occurred yesterday evening, I would have